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1. BELIEVE IRISH WOULD NOT HAVE MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR MEETING PROSPECTIVE AID DONORS TO SAIGON, THOUGH COI WOULD PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH JOINT EC OPERATION IN WHICH IRELAND DID NOT TAKE LEAD. ON CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS OF LOW DOMESTIC PRIORITY, IRISH HAVE SO FAR AVOIDED ACTIVE ROLE IN EC, PREFERRING AVOID CRITICISM BY GOING ALONG WITH CONSENSUS. IN ADDITION, IRELAND, SECRET

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AS " ANOTHER PARTITIONED COUNTRY." HAS HAD SOME TENDENCY TO IDENTIFY WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE. FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH US AND ANTI- COMMUNIST FEELINGS OF PUBLIC HAVE DAMPED THIS TENDENCY, BUT WE DOUBT THAT THERE WOULD BE INTEREST IN TAKING PART IN ANY ACTION THAT PRESS MIGHT CALL PRO- SAIGON.

2. NEW GOVT DOES HAVE SOME GENERAL INTEREST IN FOREIGN AID AS A MORAL IMPERATIVE. ACTUAL AMOUNTS IRISH CAN CONTRIBUTE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE MINIMAL, BUT WOULD HAVE SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE HERE AND PERHAPS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE MIGHT USEFULLY ASK GOI TO SUPPORT JOINT EC AID APPROACH TO ALL OF VIETNAM, IF THIS CAN BE WORKED OUT.

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